

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application Claims 1, 2, 4-22 and 24-41, of which Claims 1, 16, 17, 21, 34, 35 and 37-39 are independent. No claims have been added or cancelled.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully sought.

Claims 21, 22 and 24-40 stand allowed. As none of these claims has been further amended, their remain in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 4-20 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 on grounds that they allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection.

Each of the Claims 1, 2, 4-20 and 41 is directed to a method of processing data defining a plurality of first polygons and texture data therefor, to generate data defining a texture map. Applicants respectfully submit that the generation of a texture map is a useful, concrete and tangible result and not merely the manipulation of an abstract idea. A texture map is applied to the surface of a shape to create the illusion of detail not otherwise available. It is clearly a physical process the end result of which is useful, concrete and tangible. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the claims as presently recited do meet all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully sought.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the above application is respectfully sought.

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Respectfully submitted,

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